

The Pocahontas Times.

Hear, Land o' Cakes and brother Scots,
Frae Maidenkirk to Johnny Groat,
If there's a hole in a' your coats,
I rede ye tent it;
A chiel's amang you takin' notes,
An' faith he'll print it. — Burns

Local Events.

Evaporators on hand at Slaven's tin shop that will dry any kind of fruit or berries.

A horse belonging to H. A. Yeager died at Mt. Grove on a drive from the d.p.m.

Get an evaporator from R. B. Slaven to dry your sweet corn and grain beans on.

Rev. M. W. Atkinson will preach at Marlinton next Sunday, August 13, at 3:30 p.m.

The venerable Samuel Gay on Red Lick Mountain, now nearing 80 years, is in feeble health.

A gray squirrel was seen in the road near this place the other day. It is a rare animal in these parts.

The damages paid by the railway company for the right of way through the Beard farm at Locust was \$1150.

Miss Birdie Thomson and Miss Josephine Burton of Washington are visiting Mrs. J. M. Cunningham.

Rev. J. M. Anderson returned Wednesday from Epworth League and District Conference meetings held last week in Lewisburg.

There is an epidemic of typhoid fever in Renick's Valley. Three of Henry Hannah's family have the disease, and there are several other cases in the neighborhood.

The Ballenger Show gave two exhibitions in Marlinton Tuesday to good audiences. The trapeze and general acrobatic work was admirable.

George Baxter is engaged this week in surveying the Edmiston lands on Williams river, with a view to carry out the decree for sale and partition recently rendered by the courts.

Married: At the residence of the bride's father, Josiah Beard, at Renick's Valley, John Henry McNeel, of the Levels, and Miss Rose Beard. They will reside in Renick's Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill passed Marlinton last Wednesday on their return from a visit to Lobelia and vicinity to their home on Red Lick Mountain where they have recently erected a new dwelling and set up housekeeping.

Elisha Callison, wife (nee Anna Ervine) and two children passed Marlinton last Saturday on their return from Highland Co. Mr. Callison is a citizen of Southern Kansas, is a ranchman and has prospered as a stock dealer.

Edward McLaughlin near Edray went last Thursday to the old home on Thomas creek to gather huckleberries on Michael Mountain, and while thus engaged dispatched five large rattlers, averaging ten rattles and a button each.

Darius Moore was awarded the five dollar medal offered by Professor Barlow for the best all-around scholarship and deportment at the close of the recent session of the Pine Grove training school.

The snake editor has served notice that hereafter in giving rattlesnake statistics the number of rattles will be given but not the number of buttons, unless a rattle can be found with either more or less than one button.

Several inquiries have been made recently for building stone along the Greenbrier River. At Marlinton can be found some very fine limestone and sandstone quarries. The sandstone has been opened at a number of places around the town. The best is of a rich brown color and dresses, so we heard a stone-mason remark, as true as wood and almost as easily.

Knapp Brothers have commenced work on the new Methodist Church at Academy. It is to be located on the vacant lot next to the Dr. Larue property. It will cost \$3600, and is a turn-key job. The building is to be 90x30 and be ready for dedication by Christmas. The plans of a Louisville architect were adopted. Knapp Brothers have quite an enviable reputation as good builders.

A man by the name of John Sisk was gathering huckleberries on Slab Camp mountain opposite Bird's mill in Greenbrier county. He had with him two dogs which found and bayed a large rattlesnake. The snake bit and killed both dogs. The one first bitten lived about a quarter of an hour; the other about twelve hours. The snake was killed and found to be six feet long and had 33 rattles and a button.

At a meeting of the Circuit Court last Monday, Levi Gay, E. A. Smith, George P. Moore, Uriah Bird, and B. F. McElwee were chosen commissioners to assess the damage in the railway condemnation proceedings through the lands of Amos C. Nottingham, Bertie L. Galford, Harvey Hevener et al., Mildred A. Friel and Bertie Wilfong et al. The right of way through the Warwick land was adjested out of court.

BUILDING RAILROAD.

The First Work in Pocahontas, Opposite Academy.

The firm of Julian, Carzza & Co. commenced work on their section of the Greenbrier Railway last Saturday. It is said they would have begun Friday but for the wholesome superstition against beginning an undertaking on a Friday.

Saturday the writer went down to the river at Burnside to see what was going on. Just where the road crosses the river the first camp is situated. It is a building 60 x 16 and separated into two compartments, one for white men and the other for negroes.

The contractors are natives of Italy, and Mr. Julian was found at the camp. He said he wanted teams and hands from this section if he could get them. It is a pretty expensive business transporting bands so far. The wages they offer are \$1.25 for ten hours' work. They can afford employment for two to three hundred hands as soon as they get well under way. The plan they work on is for the hand to find board for himself. If he chooses he has free shelter at the camp, and can buy his subsistence at the store. They are preparing to build brick ovens to bake bread by the wholesale. The firm also want 50 teams and scrapers, agreeing to pay what the team is worth, to be determined when they see what it can do.

They are preparing to build another camp or two on their section. The firm belongs to Baltimore and another Baltimore firm, J. Levizi & Co. have two miles above their work. The seven miles extends from Isaac McNeel's land to above the mouth of Stamping Creek.

On this seven miles Capt. Peters has the contract for removing the timber and he was at work on that day cutting the trees, big and little, and piling them below the right of way.

While at the camp a big West Virginian from Renick's Valley came up and engaged to bring in recruits from Droop, Renick's Valley and Spring Creek, out of which he was to have a bosship of 15 men.

At the camp lay a sick negro, who had been transported from Baltimore, who was suffering from two terrible abscesses.

There were three gangs of men at work above the camp on the Kinnison land. The first gang consisted of eleven laborers and a boss. There were three white men and eight negroes. They stood up in a line within a few feet of each other and dug and shoveled away at the mountain side.

Above them on the bank stood an Italian boss and directed their movements. The men seemed terribly tired, it being their first days hard labor, but they all said they would get used to it. The darkies were the most interesting. They ranged from the darky in a plug hat and tan shoes to the plain, blunt nigger digging stolidly away with his shirt on the outside of his trousers. When the boss would sternly order one of them to do the work differently, he would comply with alacrity, but grumble while doing it.

"That's all right, you've got us a — of a way from home." Now and then a darky would strike up a tune which would carry down the line, but they were working too hard to have much breath for music.

And what work it was! With pick and shovel they were taking out loose rock from the roots of trees. Under a boiling hot sun they worked with a steady swing all day. One young man remarked: "If I ever does get home, I'm going to tell them that I worked in a stone mine."

One coal-black fellow said: "If I got to stay up in dis country I'se bound to get maseif a wife."

"Ise gwine to get maseif a wife for Christmas," remarked another. "Well, Ise gwine to get maseif a wife from somebody, dat's settled."

One of the white boy's remarked that they never could do much with these old mountains at \$1.25 per day.

A darky reasoned with himself in this fashion: "When I come down har I thought I'd gamble! I aint gwine to gamble away any money I make this way. I would n't risk five cen's of this money on four aces!"

Where the road leaves the mountain side and enters the Kinnison fields the work of throwing up the road bed was going on. The resident engineer, who by the way, is a Mr. Hunter, had marked off the width with three stakes. On the outside of these stakes was another line of stakes and on the outside of these the sod was plowed to the width of the full hundred feet. There was nothing left of that particular field to speak of.

The earth that was plowed up was being hauled and dumped to form the roadbed. The height of the fill gradually rose to make the roadbed perfectly level, the centre line of stakes gradually rising in height to indicate the height of the fill.

When one sees a gang of men picking at the mountain side for hours and making a hole hardly big enough to bury a horse in, he realizes something of the stupendous task it is to construct a rail-

A Leaf From a Note-Book.

Mrs. Jacob Moore on Elk was said to be worse yesterday, August 7, than she has been since her illness.

The general health of the people of throughout the country has somewhat improved of late; and our doctor, J. W. Price, is not so busy as he was earlier in the season.

Silas Sharp of Slaty Fork is very ill and in the care of Drs. Cameron and Gibson. Mr. Sharp is easier this week than he was last week. His friends are hopeful now and think he may get well.

In the scarcity of berries this season every possible effort is being made by the people generally to get some. They seem to be making greater speed at gathering blackberries than huckleberries. Many people have gone all the way from Edray to Williams river to pick blackberries this year.

Four failures and one No. 3 that could not be re-issued, having been granted twice before.

Grades Granted.

Results of the recent examination for teachers.

No. 1: W. J. Sosdgar.

No. 2: T. D. Moore, Georgie Hannah, A. S. McCarty, R. R. Vaughan, Annie Sullivan, J. H. McCarty, Annie E. King, T. M. McCarty, Georgie Baxter, Alice McLaughlin, A. W. Simpson, Auburn Pyles, Ira Hannah, Maud Arbogast, H. A. Walton, W. D. Sharp, D. A. Tharp, J. W. McCarty.

No. 3: George Bright, W. G. Curry, Lucie Sharp, Forest Houchin, S. H. Sharp, Edward Hudson, Florence Clutter, Riah P. Smith, Lillie Gabert, Bertie McLaughlin, Laura Hodges, J. Ann Smith, E. B. Moore, Jasper Aldridge, E. B. Vaughn, George W. Sharp.

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